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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Special Operations

FROM : Deputy Director, Plans

25X1 1. Thanks for your attached message regarding the cable on the [redacted]. The cable seems to have been handled expeditiously insofar as dispatch, receipt, deciphering, etc., is concerned. Possibly in comparable cases quicker dissemination to OGI and other offices can be arranged.

25X1 2. Regarding paragraph 3 of your memorandum, the purpose of a flash message is not to try to beat the Press service, which obviously is impossible, but to permit us officially to confirm the happening of an important event of this kind. For example, in this case the President's Office telephoned us from Key West for confirmation of the [redacted] story. We had to do this on the basis of a G-2 report in the absence of anything in hand in our own office.

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